

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
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BULK PARCEL RETURN SERVICE  
EXPEDITED MINOR CLASSIFICATION CASE

Docket No. MC99-4

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT  
(July 30, 1999)

The United States Postal Service and each of the signatories to this motion (collectively, with the Postal Service, the "settlement parties") hereby submit an executed Stipulation and Agreement, representing a negotiated settlement by the signatories of all issues raised in this proceeding.<sup>1</sup> The settlement parties request that the Postal Rate Commission issue an Opinion and Recommended Decision which is based upon the evidence submitted by the Postal Service with its Request and which recommends the Domestic Mail Classification Schedule changes contained in the Attachment which accompanies the Stipulation and Agreement.

As a result of the off-the-record settlement discussions held among the participants, the following two changes were made in the documents filed with the Request:

(1) In the DMCS language, proposed section 935.36 was revised slightly to allow mailers to provide return labels not only via inclusion in the original parcel, but by any means they choose (such as separate First-Class Mail or via the Internet), similar to the

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<sup>1</sup> This Stipulation and Agreement supersedes the draft Stipulation and Agreement filed with the Request in this Docket on May 25, 1999.

practices used for Merchandise Return Service. Because this is a mailer practice that has no effect on postal operations or costs relevant to the proposed BPRS changes, the revised DMCS language remains fully supported by the testimony originally filed by the Postal Service.

(2) In the Stipulation and Agreement, a new paragraph 10 was added to guide development of further improvements in BPRS beyond the scope of the Postal Service's Request in this expedited minor classification case.

The settlement parties request that the Commission adopt the negotiated changes in the DMCS concerning BPRS. The following participants in this proceeding have authorized the Postal Service to represent that each supports the Stipulation and Agreement: Advertising Mail Marketing Association; Association of American Publishers; Mr. Douglas F. Carlson; Continuity Shippers Association; CTC Distribution Systems, L.L.C.; Direct Marketing Association; Parcel Shippers Association; Time Warner, Inc.; and the Office of the Consumer Advocate. Their signature pages are attached.<sup>2</sup> United Parcel Service has authorized the Postal Service to indicate that it does not oppose the Stipulation and Agreement. No response has been received from Mr. David B. Popkin.

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<sup>2</sup> All pages are originals, except for those from CSA, DMA, and OCA. The Postal Service will file the originals as soon as possible.

The Postal Service wishes to thank all who participated in reaching this settlement and urges the Commission to recommend the DMCS language agreed to by the settlement parties.

Respectfully submitted,

UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.



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